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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GUINEAN OLIVE BRANCH TO SENEGAL, IVORY COAST?

1. IN STADIUM SPEECH DECEMBER 19 TO CROWD CELEBRATING GUINEA'S VICTORY IN AFRICAN FINALS OF NKRUMAH CUP FOOTBALL, SEKOU TOURE WAVED UNUSUAL MINI-OLIVE BRANCH TOWARD SENEGAL AND IVORY COAST.

2. CALLING ON "AFRICAN YOUTH" TO HELP EASE TENSIONS AND FOSTER UNITY BETWEEN AFRICAN STATES BY SPORTS AND OTHER MEANS, TOURE DEPLORED CONFLICTS BETWEEN TOGO-BENIN, TOGO-GHANA, LIBYA-EGYPT, ALGERIA-MAURATANIA, ALGERIA-MOROCCO, EHTIOPIA-SUDAN, ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA, ANGOLA-ZAIRE. HE THEN GOT PROLONGED ENTHUSIASTIC OVATION BY URGING YOUTH OF IVORY COAST, SENEGAL AND GUINEA TO "RE-ESTABLISH IMMEDIATELY A BRIDGE." TOURE SAID "SCIENTIFIC LOGIC" MUST PREVAIL OVER "SUBJECTIVE SENTIMENTALITY", AND ADDED "LONG LIVE SENEGAL, IVORY COAST, THEIR PEOPLE AND YOUTH."

3. ON DECEMBER 20 GUINEAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION JRDA, CONFIDENTIAL

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DURING NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING, PROPOSED THAT YOUTH FROM THE THREE COUNTRIES MEET IN CONAKRY IN EARLY JANUARY 1978 FOR FRIENDLY ATHLETIC COMPETITION. APPARENTLY TO INJECT GREATER FLEXIBILITY INTO PROPOSAL, JRDA WENT STEP FURTHER TO STATE THAT GAMES COULD EASILY BE CHANGED TO DAKAR OR ABIDJAN SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT.

4. COMMENT: SEKOU TOURE HAS MET WITH SENEGALESE TEAMS AND OFFICIALS SEVERAL TIMES DURING PAST YEAR BUT NEVER MADE MUCH OF IT PUBLICLY. SEVERAL GUINEAN SOURCES BELIEVE TOURE'S GESTURE IS DELIBERATELY MEANT AS FEELER FOR MORE NORMALIZED CONTACTS WITH SOCIETIES AND EVEN OFFICIALS OF SENEGAL AND IVORY COAST, IF NOT THEIR "PUPPET" RULERS. SKEPTICS RECALL HOWEVER THE MANY FAILED ATTEMPTS AT RECONCILIATION BETWEEN GUINEA AND HER TWO MODERATE NEIGHBORS.
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